

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/574,875

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/6/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/6/06
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/9/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven Hultquist on 5/10/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

- 1) Claims 7-9 have been canceled without prejudice.
- 2) In claim 2, line 1, "characterised in that" is deleted and - - wherein - - is inserted therefor.
- 3) In claim 3, line 1, "characterised in that it is" is deleted;
line 2, "following compounds" is deleted and - - group consisting of -
- is inserted therefor.
page 32, compound 19, - - and - - is inserted after "acid".
- 4) In claim 4, line 2, "claims characterised in that it comprises " is deleted and -
claim 1, comprising - - is inserted therefor.
Line 3, "derivatives" is deleted and - - at least one derivative- - is
inserted therefor.
- 5) Claims 5 in its entirety is rewritten as follows:
- - A method according to claim 4, wherein the iodination reagent is selected from
the group consisting of: elemental iodine; iodide salts; sodium iodide; potassium
iodide; iodonium salts; iodine chloride; iodonium complexes;

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bis(pyridine)iodonium (I)tetrafluoroborate; bis(symcollidine)iodonium (I) hexafluorophosphate; organic iodine compounds; iodobenzene diacetate; and N-iodosuccinimide. - -

6) In claim 6, line 2, "claims" is written as - - claim - -.

7) In the specification, page 1, before the 1st line, following is inserted:

- - This application is a 371 of PCT/ES03/00510, filed 10/08/2003.- -

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art is EP 0 082 404, which teach structurally similar compounds as claimed herein. See for example page 7, compound I. However, the reference differs from the instant claims in that the instant claims always has I substituent on the other ring of the biphenyl ring apart from two F substituent on the ring. Also carboxylic acid and ester substituent is different than the reference. FR 1,405,542 is further cited to show the state of the art. See claim 3. Inasmuch as compounds are patentable, process of making the compound, starting from diflunisal and iodinating the same. In re Ochiai 37 USPQ2d 1127.

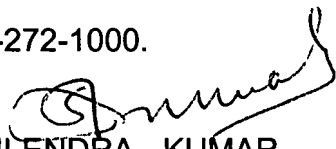
Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA - KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph McKane can be reached on (571)272-0699. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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